

Amendments to the Claims

The claims appearing in the following listing replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-14. (cancelled).

Claim 15. (currently amended) A carpet backing ~~comprising~~ consisting of a nonwoven adhesive fabric needled or thermally bonded to a supporting fabric, wherein the nonwoven adhesive fabric is a self-bonded or spunbonded nonwoven fabric comprising continuous filaments of a thermoplastic resin and the supporting fabric is a tuftable woven primary backing fabric comprising thermoplastic warp and weft yarns having substantially rectangular cross-sections, or an open weave secondary backing fabric comprising thermoplastic warp yarns with a substantially rectangular cross-section and woven in a leno weave with thermoplastic weft yarns that are spun yarns or yarns having a substantially rectangular cross-section.

Claim 16. (currently amended) ~~The improved~~ A primary carpet backing ~~of Claim 14 according to Claim 15~~ in which the supporting fabric is a tuftable, woven primary backing fabric comprising thermoplastic warp and weft yarns having substantially rectangular cross-sections.

Claims 17-39. (cancelled).

Claim 40. (previously presented) The primary carpet backing of Claim 16 in which the supporting fabric is a polyolefin fabric.

Claim 41. (previously presented) The primary carpet backing of Claim 40 in which the supporting fabric is woven from polypropylene yarns.

Claim 42. (previously presented) The primary carpet backing of Claim 41 in which the nonwoven fabric is a spunbonded fabric.

Claim 43. (previously presented) The primary carpet backing of Claim 41 in which the nonwoven fabric is a self-bonded fabric.

Claim 44. (previously presented) The primary carpet backing of Claim 41 in which the substantially continuous filaments comprise a thermoplastic resin having a melting point at least about 20°C less than the melting point of the thermoplastic resin of the yarns of the supporting fabric.

Claim 45. (previously presented) The primary carpet backing of claim 16 tufted with carpet face yarn.

Claim 46. (currently amended) A secondary carpet backing according to Claim 15 in which the supporting fabric is an open weave secondary carpet backing fabric comprising thermoplastic warp yarns with a substantially rectangular cross-section and woven in a leno weave with thermoplastic weft yarns that are spun yarns or yarns having a substantially rectangular cross-section.

Claim 47. (previously presented) The secondary carpet backing according to claim 46 in which the weft yarns comprise spun yarns.

Claim 48. (previously presented) The secondary carpet backing of claim 47 in which the warp and weft yarns comprise polypropylene yarns.

Claim 49. (previously presented) The secondary carpet backing of Claim 48 in which the warp and weft yarns are woven in a 16 X 5 count.

Claim 50. (cancelled).

Claim 51. (previously presented) The secondary carpet backing of Claim 15 in which the substantially continuous filaments comprise a thermoplastic resin having a melting point at least about 20°C less than the melting point of the thermoplastic resin of the yarns of the supporting fabric.

Claims 52-59. (cancelled).